

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, STATE ROUTE 50 IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY – CONSTRUCT BUS/CARPOOL LANES AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS IN SACRAMENTO**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) review and comment at the March 2007 Commission meeting on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the following project:

- 03-Sac-50 PM L0.9/12.8 - Construct bus/carpool lanes and community enhancements near the city of Sacramento.

## **PROGRAMMING:**

This project in Sacramento County is to construct roadway improvements near the city of Sacramento. The project is programmed in the 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program. The overall project is fully funded. Project Development, however, is fully funded in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program and the Interregional Transportation Program. The total estimated project cost is \$165 million. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2009-10. The project is programmed in the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account program for \$80 million.

## **ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED:**

Alternatives considered for the proposed project include:

- Build Alternative 10D-1: Construct bus/carpool lanes from Sunrise Boulevard to the Oak Park Interchange (US 50/SR 99/I-80 interchange) using existing medians. The new bus/carpool lanes would not be continuous between Sunrise Boulevard and the Oak Park Interchange because of right of way constraints. Two small slivers of acquisition from commercial properties for ramp widening at the Zinfandel Drive Interchange will be required.

- Build Alternative 10D-3: Construct bus/carpool lanes from Sunrise Boulevard to Watt Avenue. The proposed bus/carpool lanes from Watt Avenue to Bradshaw Road would be constructed in the existing median. Between Bradshaw Road and Sunrise Boulevard, the existing median is not sufficient. New right of way would be acquired to accommodate the new lanes.
- No Build Alternative.

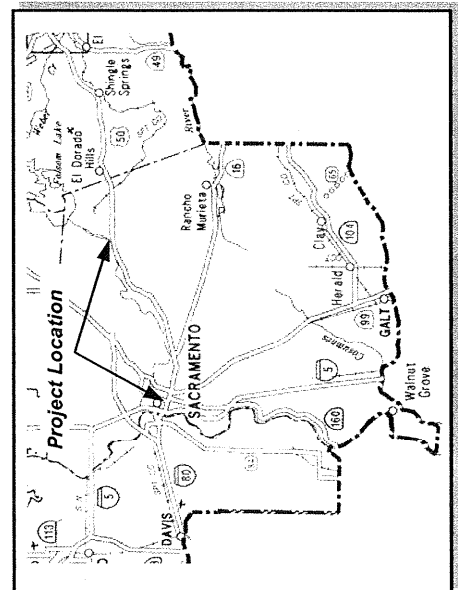
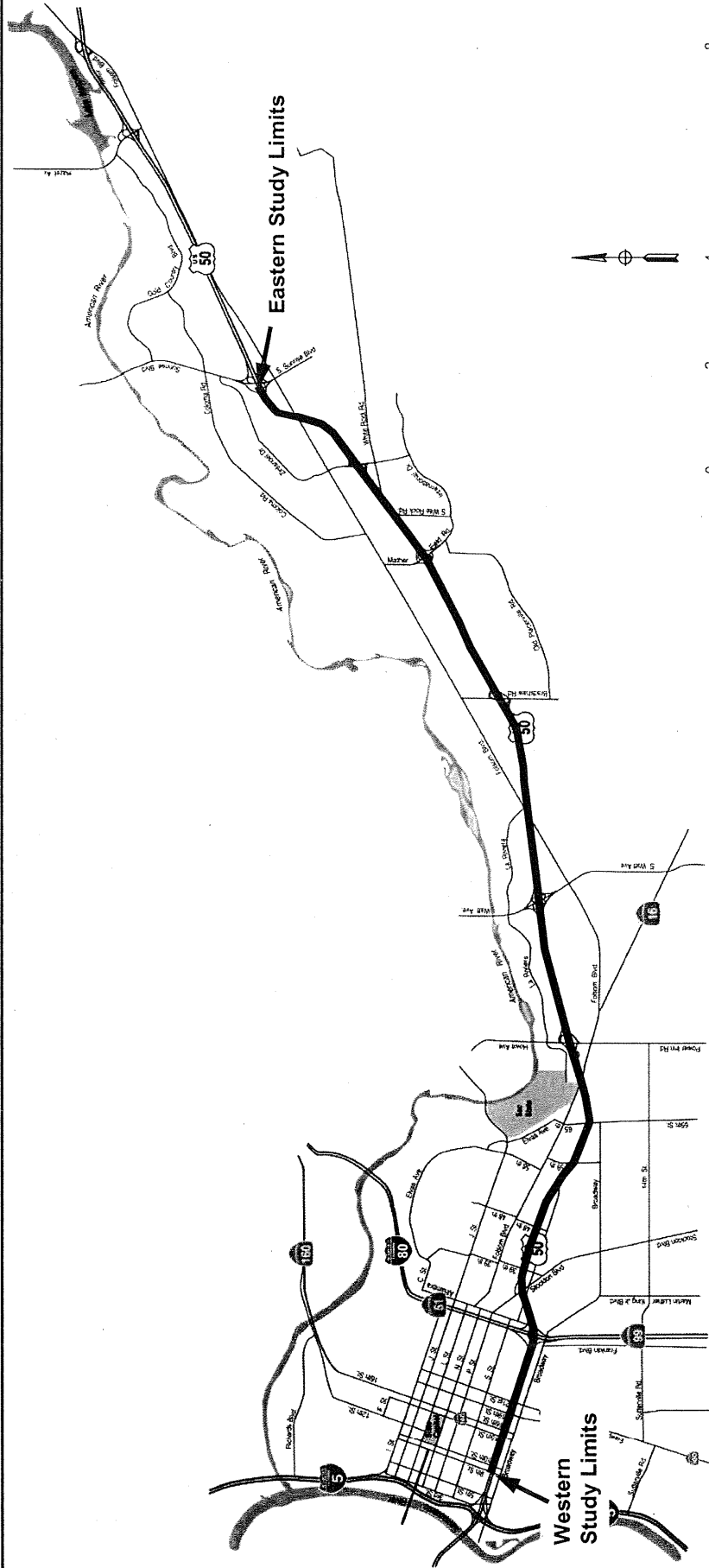
**POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:**

Because of potential issues with the Sacramento Air Quality Management District regarding construction emissions and public controversy associated with the project, an Environmental Impact Report is being prepared.

**PROPOSED MEASURES TO MINIMIZE HARM:**

- Program to brief construction workers regarding environmental commitments.
- Employ Best Management Practices (BMPs) for erosion control.
- Test for aurally deposited lead.
- Control visible emissions from off-road diesel powered equipment.
- Employ noise-reducing construction practices.
- Incorporate design characteristics and aesthetic treatments to minimize visual impacts.

Attachment



**FIGURE 1-1**  
**Project Location**

03-Sac-50  
Sac 50 Bus/Carpool Lanes Project  
PM L0.9 / 12.8 (KP L1.4 / 20.6)  
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